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a city which shall stand pre-eminent for civic righteousness—first among the many delightful cities of Florida. Beautiful for situation, greatly favored in matters of climate and healthfulness, St. Cloud requires merely the impetus which liberal-hearted men alone can give a town in order to become one of the finest cities in the while South. Having easy access to an extensive inland waterway reaching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico—thru the entire length of the Peninsula—there is no good reason why St. Cloud should not in a few years develop into a magnificent city capable of entertaining the hosts of Winter tourists who naturally belong to such a place.

May this first Christmas at the new town be a season of enjoyment to all, a time for laying the foundation of strong, enduring friendships, friendships which shall make for the upbuilding of universal brotherhood. With Tennyson, let “Each man find his own in all men’s good, And all men in noble brotherhood.” This is the Christmas gift which the writer would sincerely desire for each and every one at St. Cloud.

—Ezra J. Stewart, Shaker Colony.

St. Cloud Tribune, 1, no. 16 (December 23, 1909).

The Shakers are now supplying their table with fresh fish caught with a short trot line—125 feet long and carrying 28 hooks. It is planned to increase the length of the trot line to 400 feet with a capacity of 100 hooks. This longer line can be attended to with about the same expense for time and labor as a shorter one, with greatly increased fishing possibilities.

